

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, and 12 are independent. Claims 1-14 are amended. Claims 2, 14, 15, and 16 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. No new matter has been added.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

On page 2, the Office Action objects to claims 2-4, 8, and 14 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicates that these claims would otherwise be allowable. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection for at least the reasons listed below.

Applicant incorporates the subject matter of claim 2 into independent claims 1 and 11. Applicant hereby cancels claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is now allowable.

Applicant incorporates the subject matter of claim 14 into independent claim 12. Applicant hereby cancels claim 14. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claim 12 is now allowable.

Claims 3-4 and 8 depend from independent claim 1. Claim 1 is now allowable. Claims 2 and 14 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to claims 2-4, 8, and 14.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

On page 2, the Office Action rejects claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because this claim is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, Applicant hereby cancels claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1

On pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response, Applicant hereby cancels claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

On pages 3-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1, 6-7, 11-12, and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,714,918 to Menkhoff (hereinafter “Menkhoff”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,200,709 to Saito et al (hereinafter “Saito”). On page 5, the Office Action rejects claims 9 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Menkhoff and Saito, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,018,205 to Takagi et al (hereinafter “Takagi”). On pages

5-6, the Office Action rejects claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Menkhoff and Saito, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,706,290 to Lin (hereinafter “Lin”). On page 6, the Office Action rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Menkhoff and Saito, further in view of Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0153403 to Lechner (hereinafter “Lechner”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the reasons listed below.

Page 2 of the Office Action indicates that the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 14 was allowable. Applicant hereby incorporates the subject matter of claim 2 into independent claims 1 and 11 and incorporates the subject matter of claim 14 into independent claim 12. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 12 are now allowable.

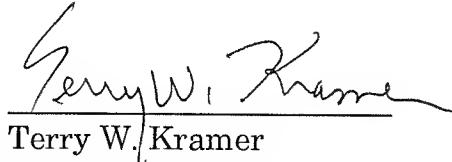
Claims 5-7, 9, and 10 depend from independent claim 1 and claim 13 depends from independent claim 12. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5-7, 9, 10, and 13 are allowable at least on the basis of their dependencies upon an allowable independent claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 5-7, and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections/objections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Aaron Waxler, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-5256.

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